

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the fact that: no reasoned statement has been proffered to applicant as to why the claims recited by the Examiner should pertain to distinct species; the application had already entered novelty examination before the requirements concerning election of species were issued, and should properly be examined as such; and lastly, claims 2-44 are all dependent claims depending from claim 1, and accordingly would be patentable if independent claim 1 is held patentable. As such, applicant respectfully traverses this requirement.

By the outstanding action, the Examiner has nevertheless required selection of species 1 (A-G) and an additional species listed among species 2 (A-D), 3 (A-D), 4 (A-G), 5 (A-F), 6 (A-H), and 7 (A). In response, the applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement as indicated above, and elects the purported species "1 (A-G)" designated by the Examiner as corresponding to claims 1-8, and furthermore, the additional species required to be elected is hereby elected to be species "2 (A-D)", corresponding to claims 9-14.

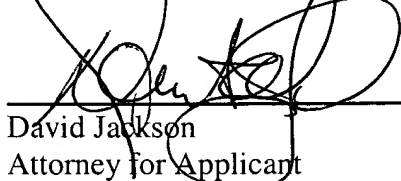
Hence, in view of these remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the above-identified restriction is respectfully requested. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues that may be best resolved by telephone communication, he is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned Attorney at the number listed below.

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